

MARCH 21ST, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

In this final Sunday before Holy Week we see an interesting contrast between the restrictions on participation in the Passover Meal (Exodus 12) vs Jesus' comments to the disciples and participation in his Kingdom (Mark 10). Where one is restrictive and exclusive, the other is invitational and inclusive. But is there a catch to the latter? A bait and switch perhaps? If entry into the Kingdom is so easy, what then? A costly, sustaining monthly membership fee? Let's look at Exodus 12 and Mark 10 today, comparing and contrasting Jesus' saving grace in our lives and the cost, if any, to us! Welcome to all who worship!

PRELUDE

"And With His Stripes We Are Healed"

G.F Handel

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom Zucconi

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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**1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?**

**2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!**

**3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.**

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**4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

R ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

**C ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**

R ¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

**C ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

R ¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules^[a] of your mouth.

**C ¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**

R ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**ALL ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*The New Covenant*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL READING***Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time*

Mark 10:32-45

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

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³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave^(u) of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Shepherd of My Soul"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

MESSAGE

Servants are the Real Rulers

Exodus 12 & Mark 10

Pastor Tom Zucconi

For Thought and Consideration

How embarrassing! James and John and THEIR MOTHER, all asking for these two knuckleheads to have thrones in the new Kingdom. Callous. Selfish. This is the second time (first time was Peter) that the disciples have argued with one another and Jesus about position and influence. They seem so blind to the meaning of the Cross! But let's be honest, how many times have you or I prayed something simply out of selfishness rather than sanctified sincerity? What does it mean for us to pray our prayers with heavenly motivation rather than earthly ambition? Think about your recent prayers. What frames them—earthly needs or sanctified aspirations? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you your motivations and reshape your requests to better reflect the one you worship, the one we call "the Suffering Servant."

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~ SETTING THREE

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna,
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who com-eth in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

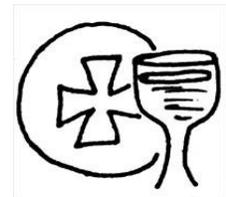
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
Takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
World, grant us Thy peace, A-men.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Alabaster"

Mary Sorensen, Jonathan Malone, and Mark Heil

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

POSTLUDE

"The Church's One Foundation"

Kevin Hildebrand

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